

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 13-33 are pending in this application. Claim 12 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended by essentially incorporating the subject matter of allowable claim 12 (with the omission of claim 11 subject matter). Claim 12 has accordingly been cancelled. Independent claim 14 has been added by combining the subject matter of original claim 1 with the subject matter of allowable claim 13. Claims 15-23 which depend upon claim 14, have been added which correspond to original claims 2-10, respectively. Independent claim 24 has been added by combining the subject matter of original claim 1 with the subject matter of allowable claim 4. Claims 25-33 which depend upon claim 24, have been added which correspond to original claims 5-13, respectively. No new matter has been added.

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7-9 and 11 under 35 USC 102(b) in view of Anderson et al. This reference does not anticipate the presently claimed invention or make it obvious.

However, the applicants note that allowable subject matter has been found in this application wherein claims 4-6, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claim 1 has been amended to include allowable claim 12. Amended claim 1 is thus allowable, and all claims dependent upon claim 1 are allowable. New independent claim 14 incorporates allowable claim 13. Claim 14 is thus allowable and all claims dependent upon claim 14 are

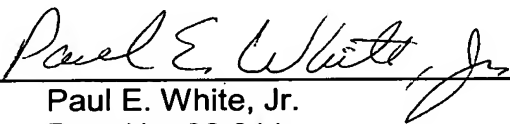
allowable. New independent claim 24 incorporates allowable claim 4. Claim 24 is thus allowable and all claims dependent upon claim 24 are allowable.

Accordingly, the applicants submit that all presently pending claims are allowable.

In view of the above and there being no other objections or rejections, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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